

BMH School Newsletter



Our Uniform, Our Identity

Our uniform at BMH aligns with that of our UK Partner School and we encourage students to wear it appropriately and with pride each day. Please be sure that your child wears the correct uniform, including white only sports shoes with PE uniform, and that boys also wear the school tie on Mondays for a formal start to each week. Where correct uniform is not worn, a student may be asked to wait and a parent called until the correct uniform is brought to school, so please help us avoid this by helping your child come to school the right way. Jing Ye will be available on 4th floor, Bamboo Building, on Monday 17th, throughout the day to assist any parent who still needs to purchase uniform items.





Strong Leadership At BMH

We are delighted to share information with you here about our School Leadership Team, including new additions to both Pre and Prep School.

Ms Anna Packman (UK), Head of Pre School and Prep School, has been an educator for over 15 years and involved in Senior Leadership for 12 years. She worked at outstanding British, International and IB Schools before joining Mission Hills at its inception in 2015.

Ms Arlene Chen (China), Deputy Head of Prep School, is responsible for developing, enriching and implementing the academic programme at BMH Prep. Ms Chen joins us from Beijing where she spent 11 years growing a school from its birth to a population of X. She brings rich experience in curriculum integration, building community and enhancing student outcomes, including with a view to development into our future Senior School.

Mr Matthew Webster (Australia), Deputy Head of Prep School, is responsible for leading Pastoral and Holistic development. Mr Webster is entering his second year at BMH, having joined us from an IB school where he was based for 8 years within an educational career spanning almost two decades. This year his focus will be on behaviour and discipline as well as implementing a great CCA programme.

Ms Penny Liu (China), Deputy Head of Prep School, is responsible for Prep School operations, health and safety and associated government requirements and relations. Ms Liu is in her second year with BMH and came to us with experience in both local and international school contexts having been an educator and leader for 20 years.

Ms Yola Fu (China), Deputy Head of Pre School, is responsible for Pre School operations, health and safety and associated government requirements and relations. Ms Fu has over 16 years experience in Pre School education and has worked at reputable Kindergartens as a Teacher, Academic Principal and Executive Principal during this time.

Ms Joanna Callaway (UK), Pre School Curriculum Coordinator, worked for the past two years as a BMH teacher and began her career in education in 2010. She has worked in British and International contexts and is a passionate advocate for play and inquiry-based learning. Having worked with our students and seen our programme in action she is ideally placed to elevate our Pre School programme to even greater heights.



Coffee Mornings

Each year at BMH we host fortnightly Coffee Morning Workshops for parents. We will begin the year with a series of sessions focused on building connections between home and school. Information will be shared through our fortnightly Whole School Newsletters and parents will be sent hard copy invitations for those Workshops that apply to their child's year group a few days before the event. Parents are asked to let us know in advance if they wish to attend by returning the reply slips attached to the invitations.

Our first Workshop will be hosted by Head of School, Ms Anna Packman, and Deputy Head of Prep School, Ms Arlene Chen, and will focus on Homework in the Prep School, including expectations for students and parents and the structure and communication related to homework.

Date:20th of September Time:8:45am-9:45am Location: Bamboo Atrium

Prep parents, please keep an eye open for invitations to follow on Monday and return slips to Reception, via your child's school bag where appropriate, by Wednesday 19th September. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Communicating with Teachers

Many thanks to all those parents who have been actively and positively engaging in our communication channels so far. It was great to see so many parents at our Back to School Night last week. Please continue to engage in communication through email, class SeeSaw accounts, our BMH Whole School WeChat Platform, our website, face to face meetings and letters sent home. In addition, we will be introducing School Mobile Phones to facilitate Class WeChat accounts in the coming week. Prep Class WeChat information will be launched on Monday and Pre School will follow later in the week. Please be reminded that WeChat is for sharing of impromptu and urgent messages only and will be responded to between the hours of 7:45-4:45pm during the working week. Phone calls to CoTeachers mobiles are only to be made in genuine emergencies. Thank you for respecting the privacy and home-life of your child's Co-teacher and for being balanced in your communication approach. The introduction of School Phones to facilitate WeChat is a trial, and we will only be able to maintain this where all community members are respecting the parameters for its use. Thank you in advance for making this work.

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Class Parent Representatives

Class Teachers will be starting to approach parents they feel would make good Class Parent Representatives - strong parent role models and communication facilitators to enrich engagement and support with parents and the school. Thank you for being open to this if you are approached by your child's teacher.